

Andrew Jackson to Robert Hays, January 26, 1815, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

TO COLONEL ROBERT HAYS.

New Orleans, January 26, 1815.

D'r Colo. I have this moment recd yours of the 17th am happy to find the ladies have started at last. I hope there will be no danger from a return of the enemy. you say you wish I would write often, were you to see the business with which I am surrounded you would I know readily excuse me. I rejoice to hear of the health of our friends there, and thank my god, we have all escaped here altho I do not enjoy good health at present. I thank you for your attention to my farm, and beg you to see it now and then Tell Knot to take of care of my stock, my colts and lambs particularly.

I enclose you a paper including my address and Genl order to the Troops since which, about Eighty Prisoners has been taken, who state that the Total Loss of the enemy amounts to six thousand five hundred, and Major Genl Kean has died of his wounds. It appears that the unerring hand of providence shielded my men from the showers of Balls, bombs and Rocketts, when every Ball and Bomb from our guns carried with them the mission of death. Tell your good lady and family god bless them, and give my respects to all friends. Adieu.